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Title: OPTICAL APERTURE FOR DATA RECORDING HAVING  
TRANSMISSION ENHANCED BY SURFACE PLASMON RESONANCE

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES**

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Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests approval of the proposed drawing changes shown in red on the enclosed copies of FIGURES 2, 7, 9A, 9B, 11A, 11B, 12A, 12B, 14A, and 14B.

**REMARKS**

The changes to FIGURE 2 make this figure consistent with the orientation shown in FIGURE 6.

The change to FIGURE 7 makes this figure consistent with FIGURE 6.

The changes to FIGURES 9A and 9B make the orientations of these figures self-consistent, as FIGURE 9B is an air bearing surface (ABS) view and FIGURE 9A is a partial cross sectional end view.

The changes to FIGURES 11A/11B, 12A/12B, and 14A/14B are analogous to those made to FIGURES 9A/9B.

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Replacement sheets that incorporate these changes are also enclosed.

No new matter is introduced by these changes.

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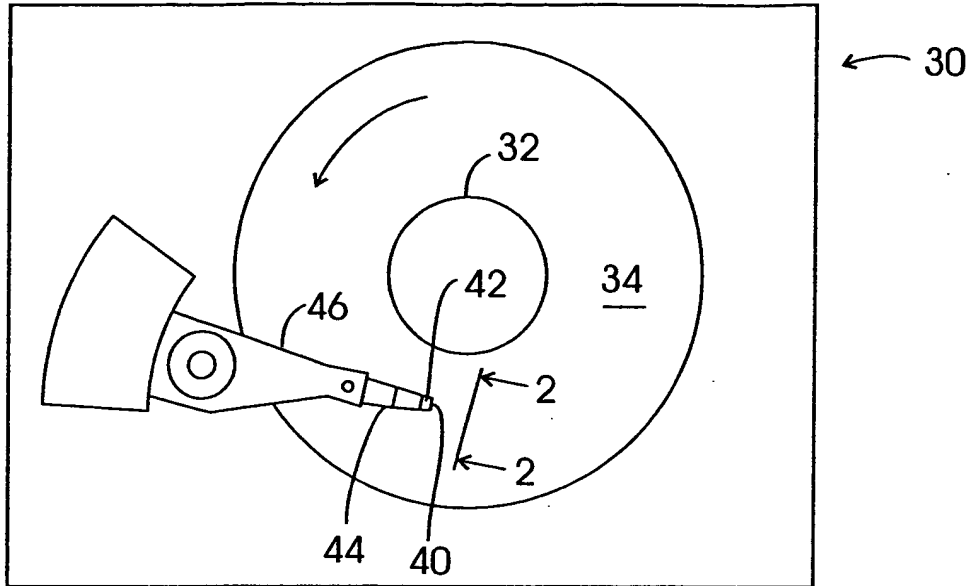


FIG. 1

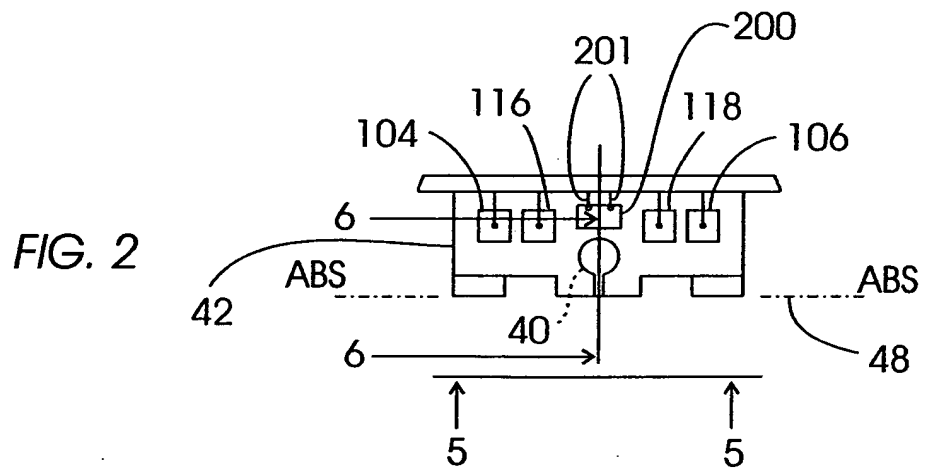


FIG. 2

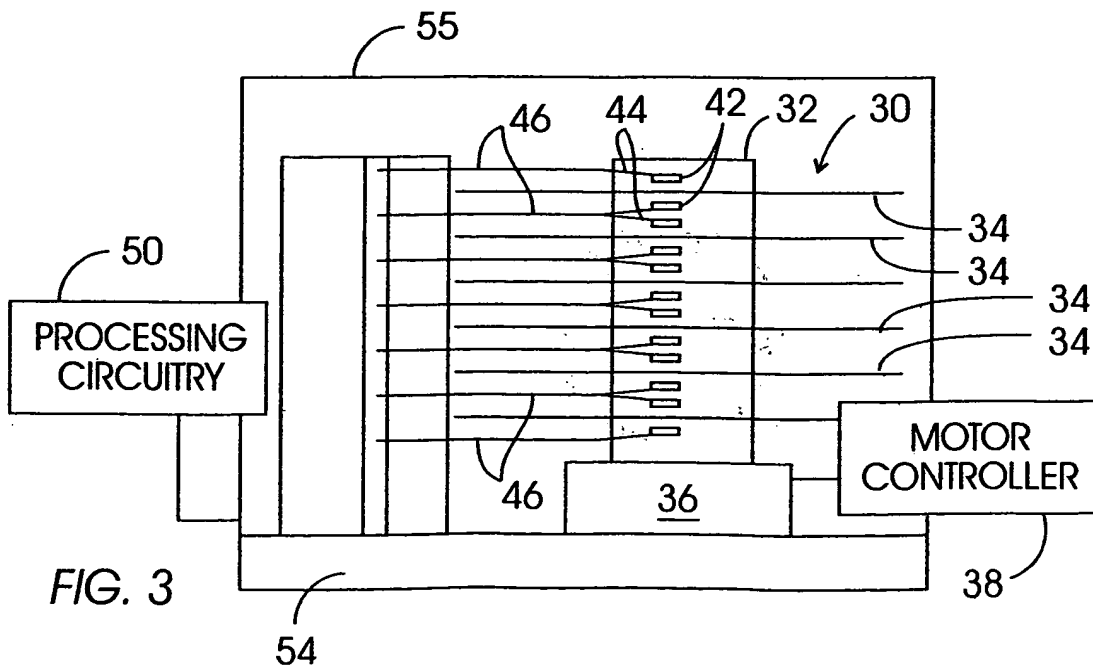


FIG. 3

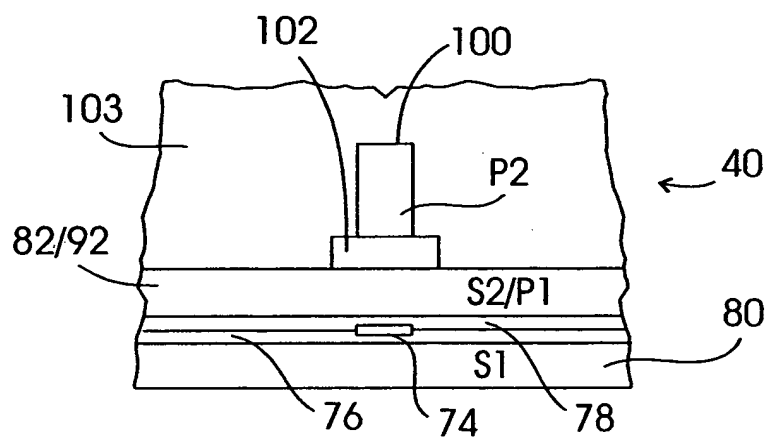
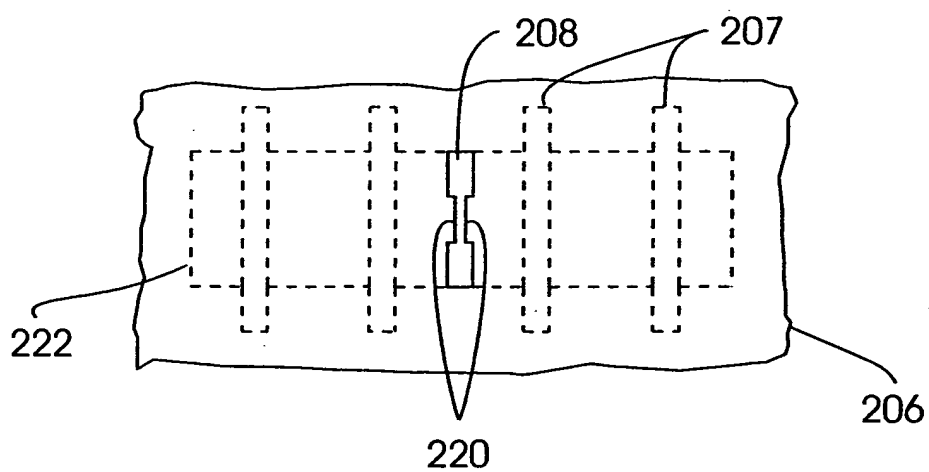
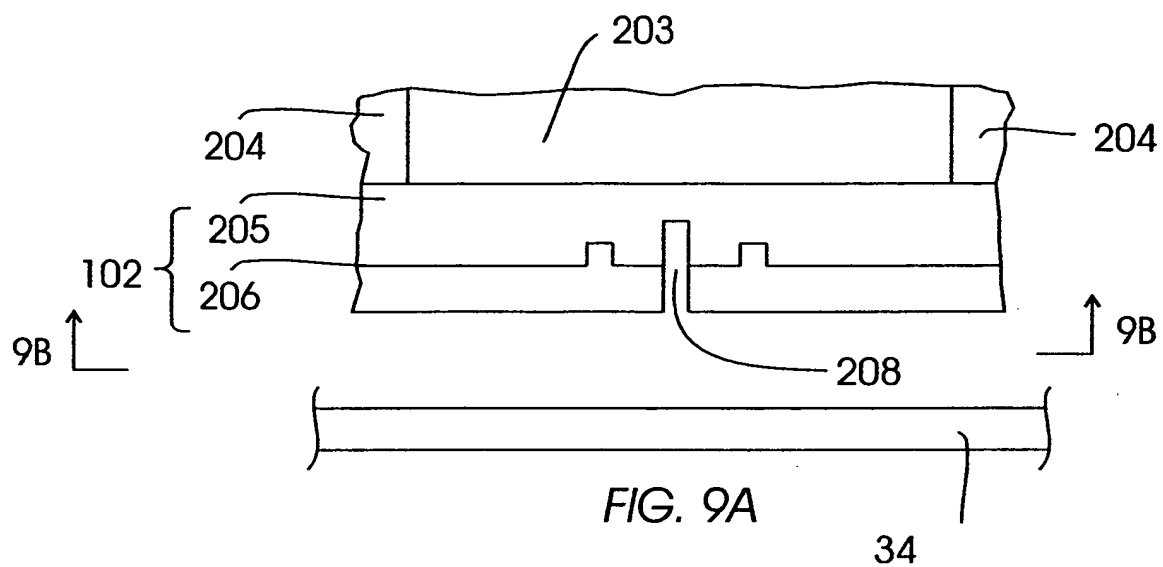


FIG. 7



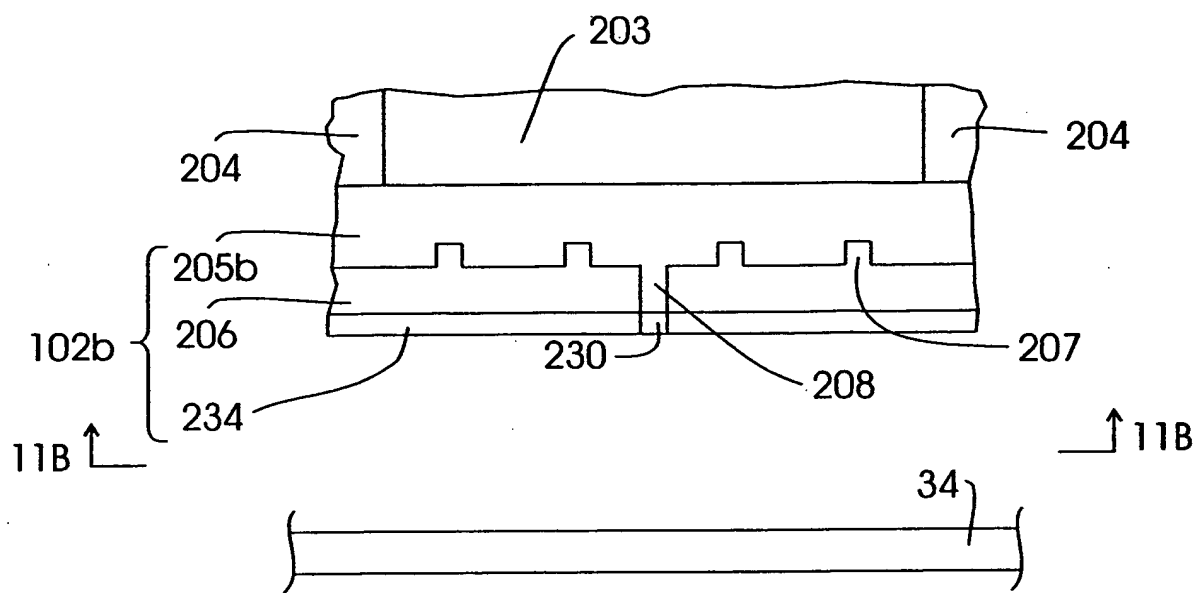


FIG. 11A

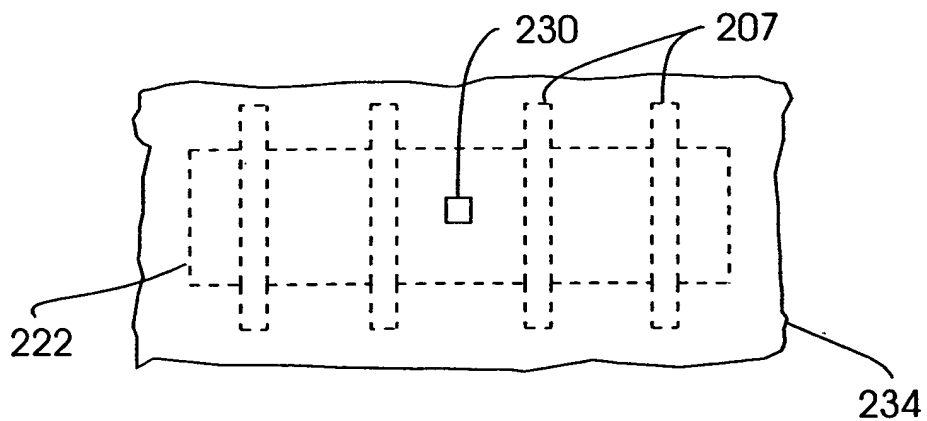


FIG. 11B

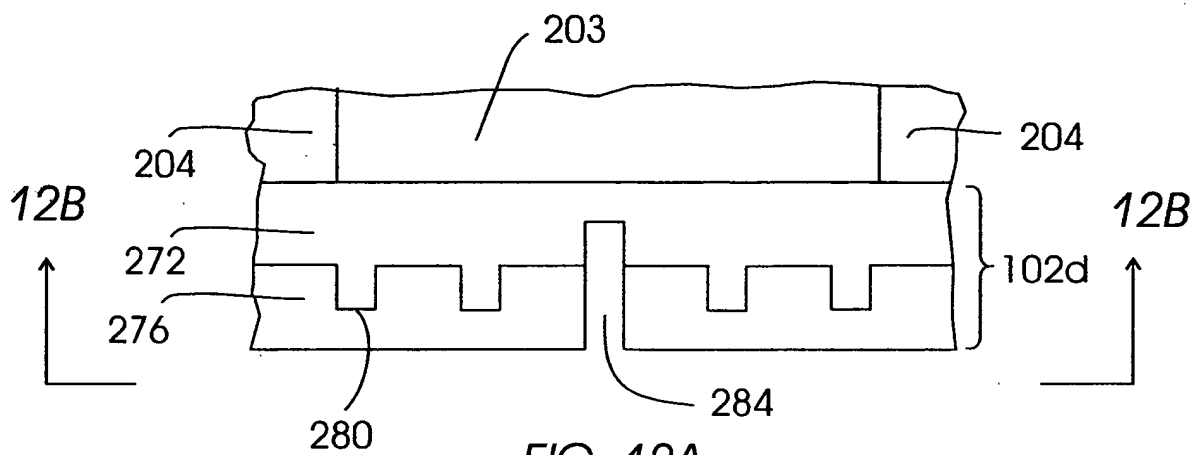


FIG. 12A

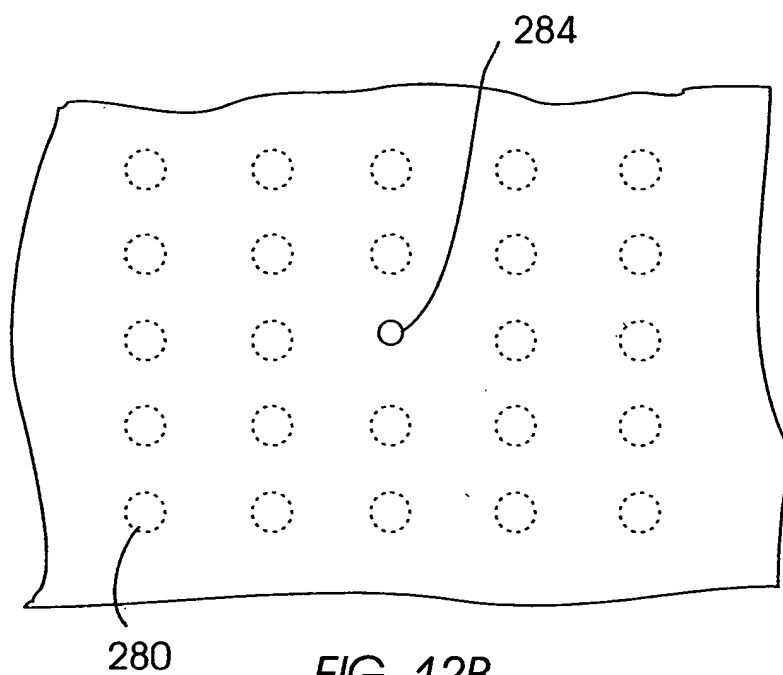


FIG. 12B

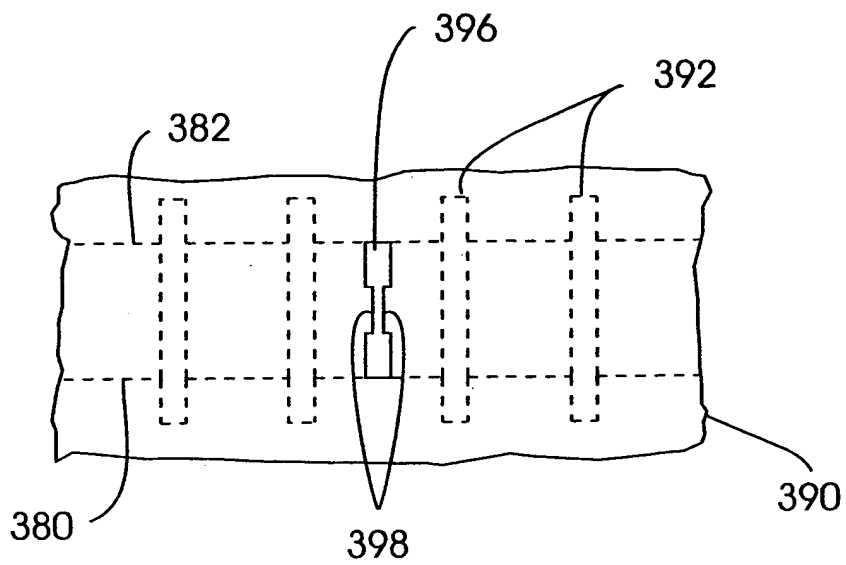


FIG. 14A

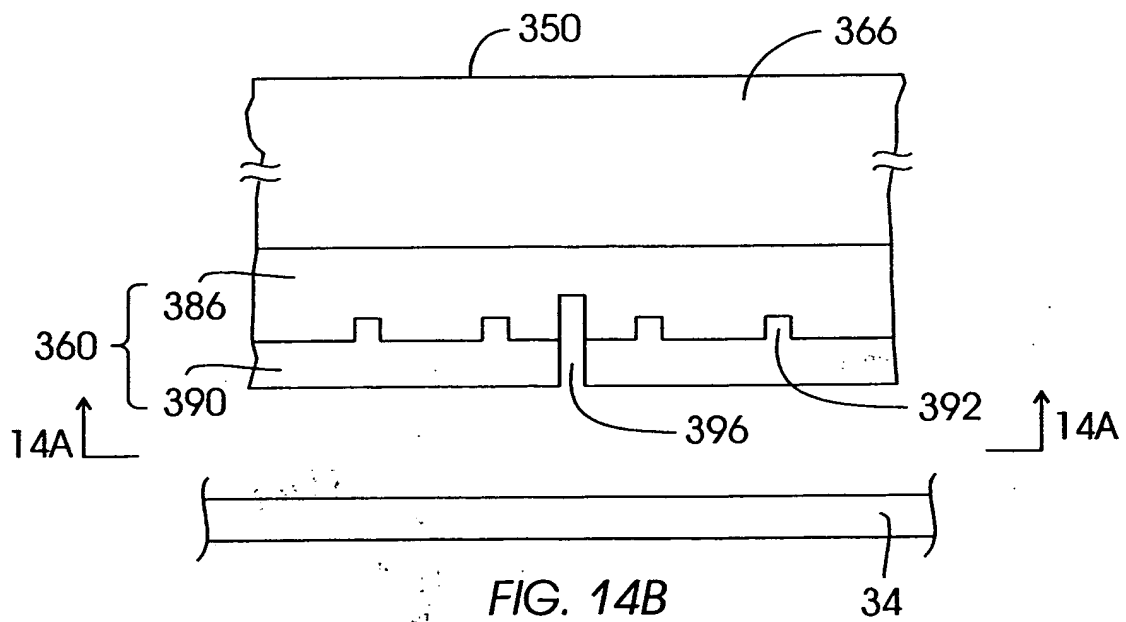


FIG. 14B



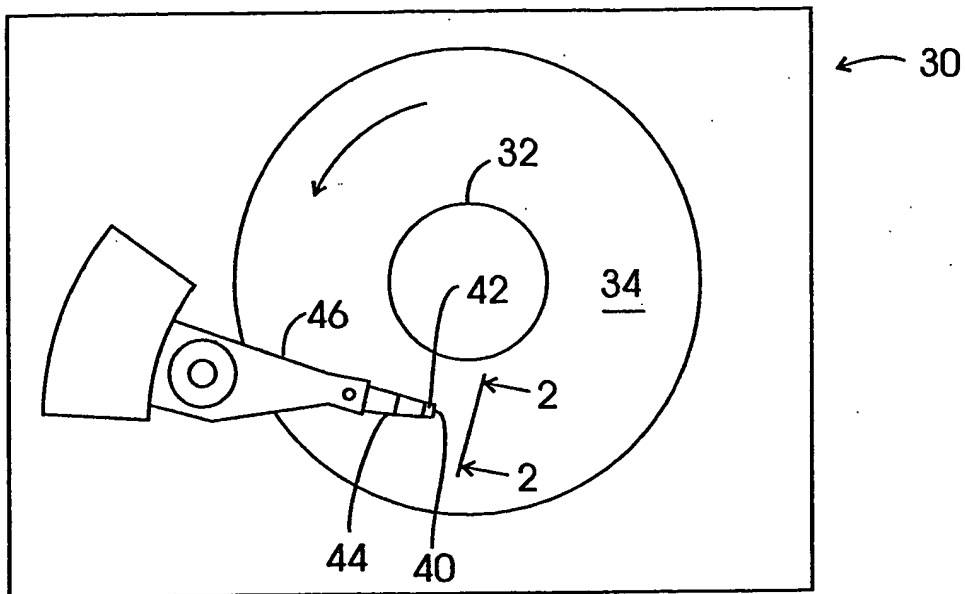


FIG. 1

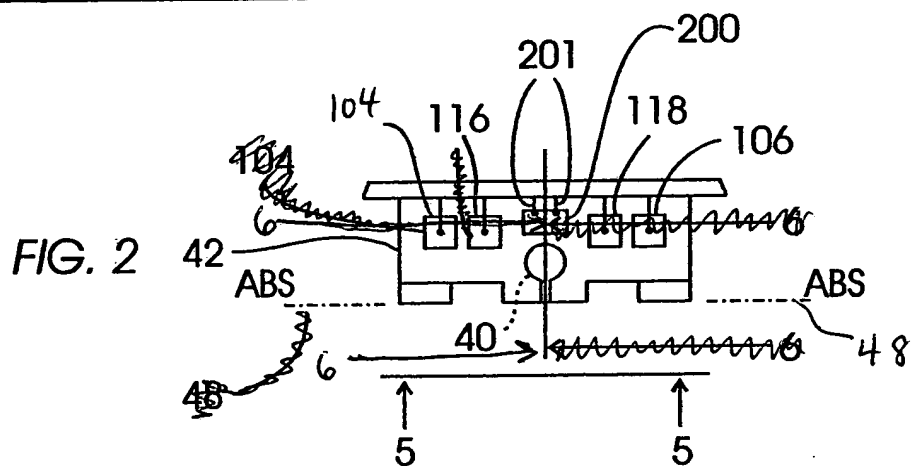


FIG. 2

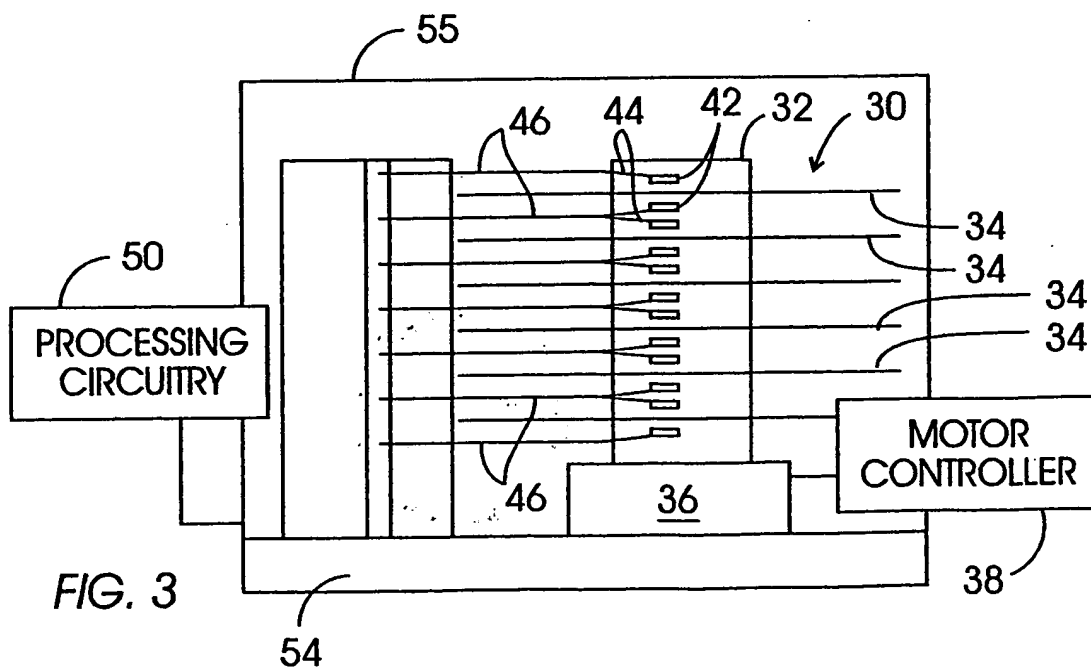


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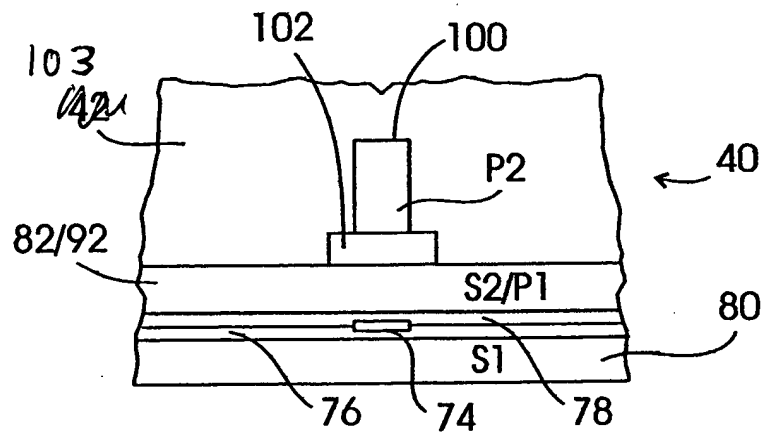
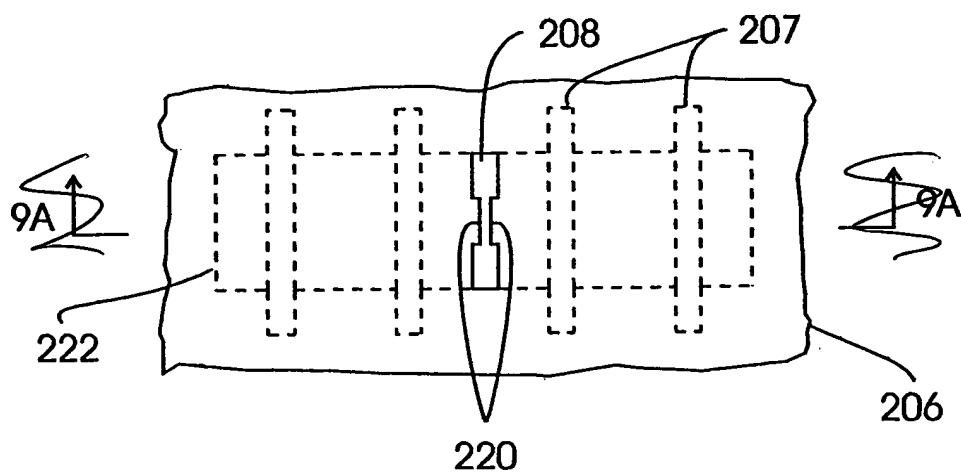
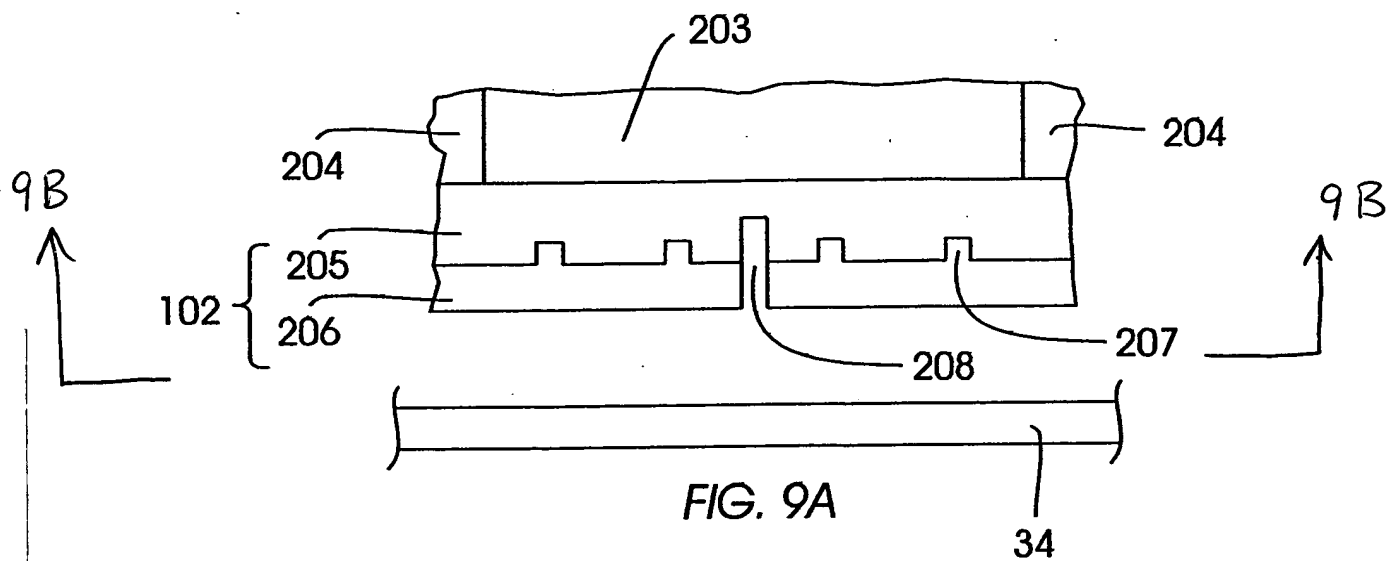


FIG. 7



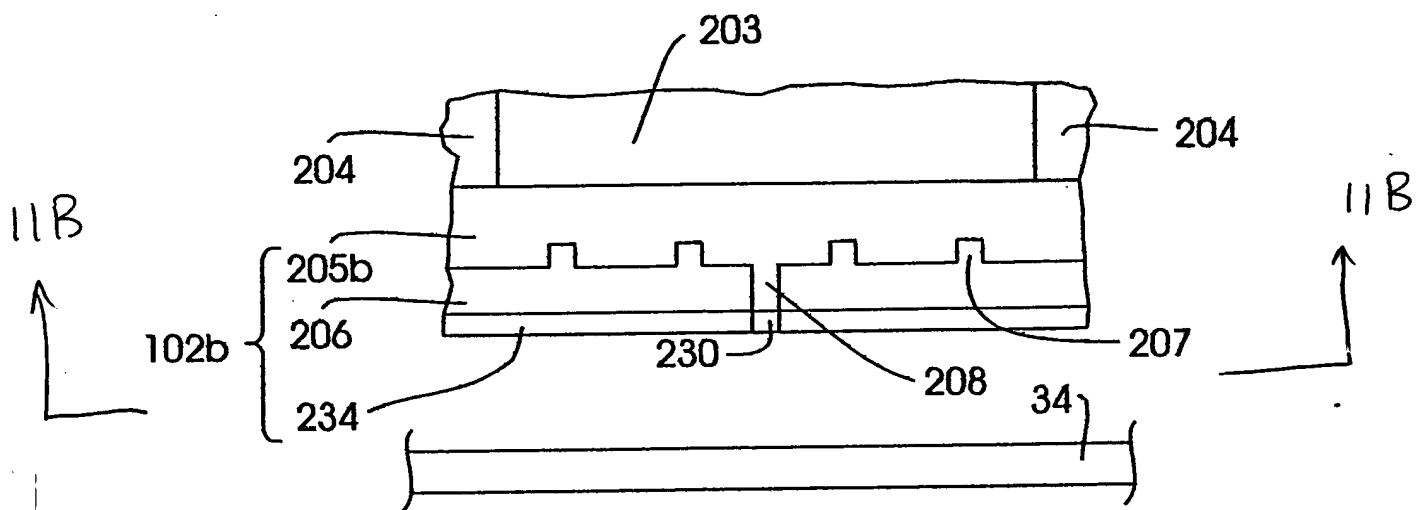


FIG. 11A

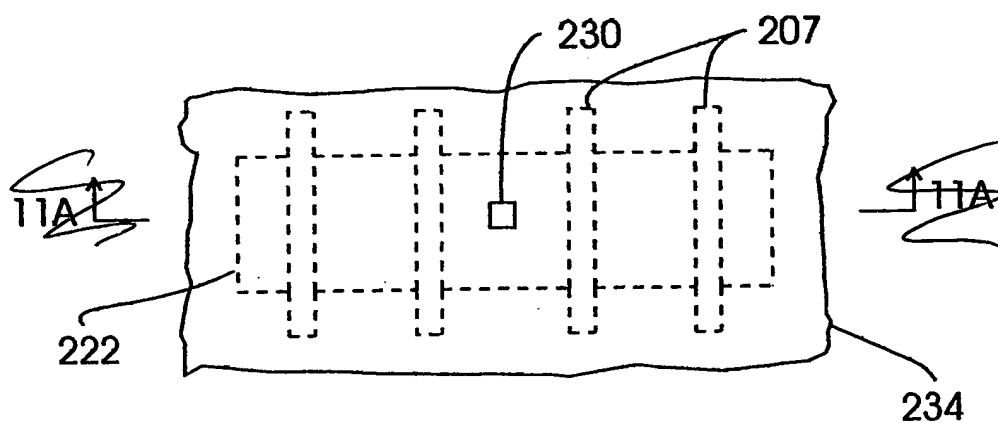
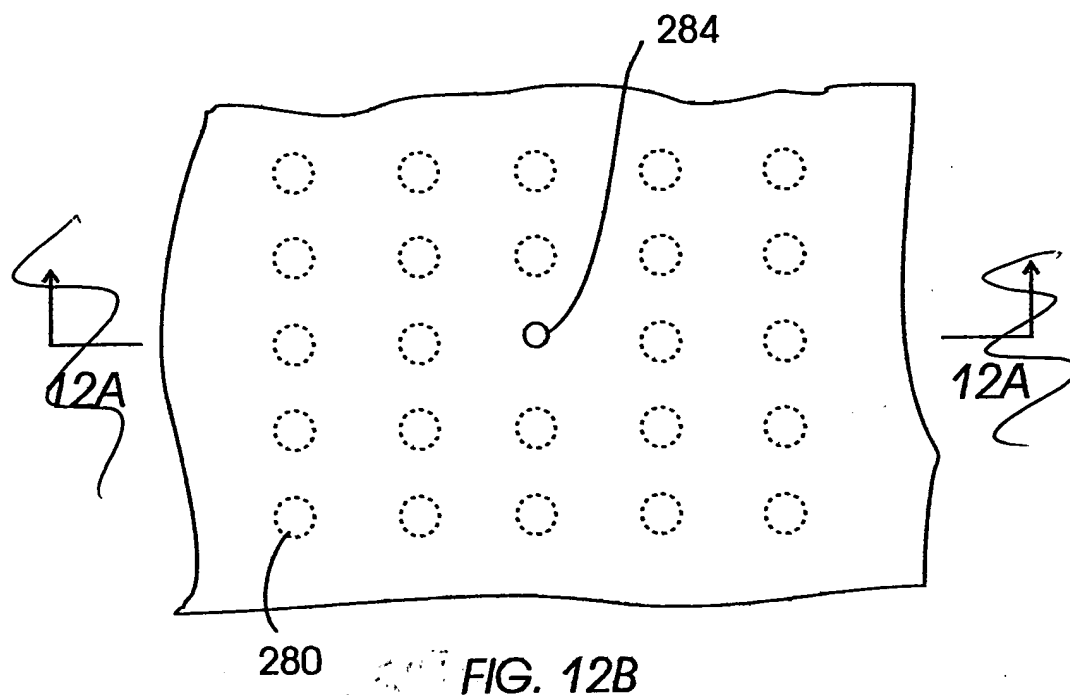
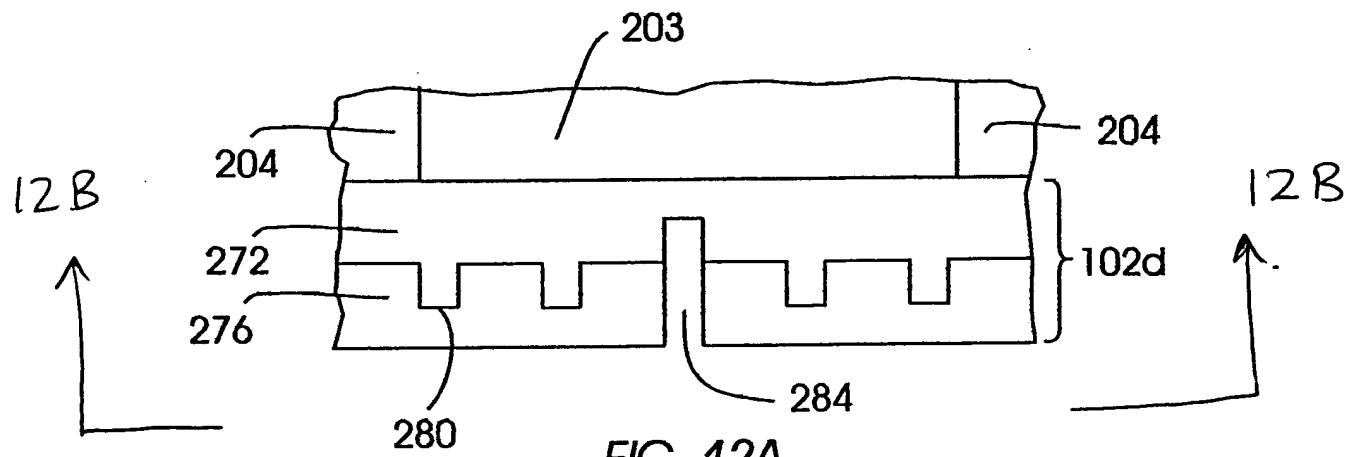


FIG. 11B



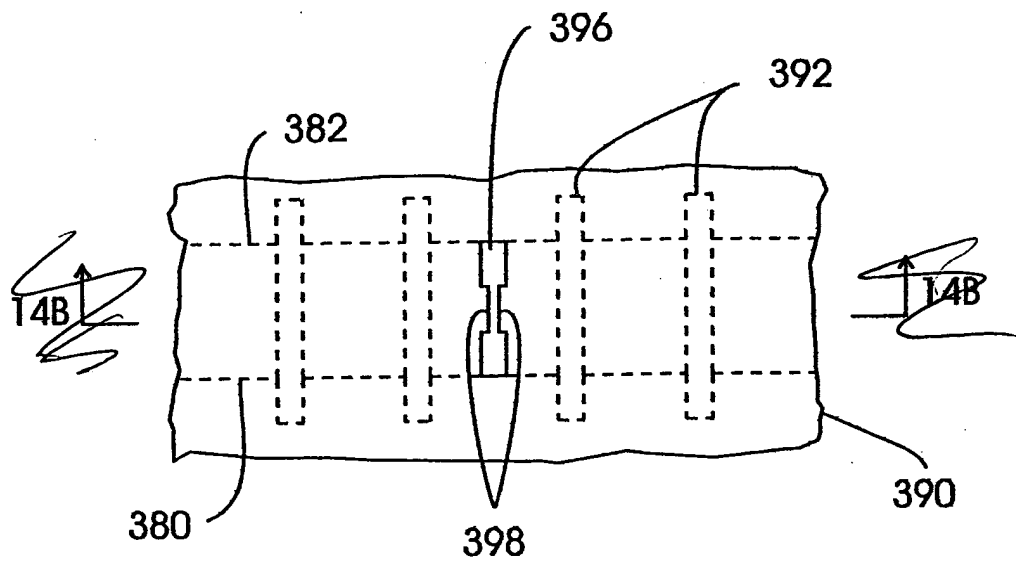


FIG. 14A

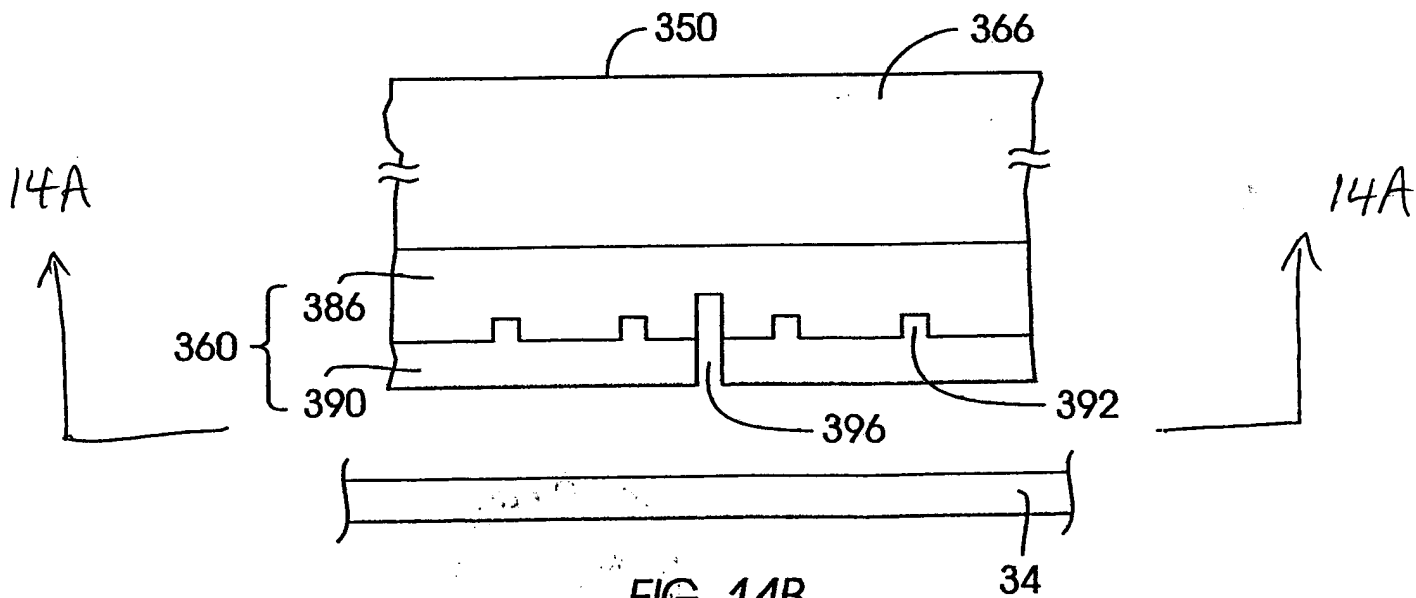


FIG. 14B